

Polygraph Policy

Brussels—Draft directive on Defense Dept. polygraph tests leaked last month "does not represent Defense Dept. policy or anything resembling policy," Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger said here recently.

Weinberger said the draft policy had not even reached his desk before it was leaked to journalists. "I had not even seen it," he said (AW&ST Nov. 29, p. 25).

Weinberger characterized the draft directive as "just a staff suggestion" and "just a normal reexamination" that all Defense Dept. policies undergo periodically. He said the Defense Dept. has had a polygraph policy since about 1950.